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In the Application of:

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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR USING

RAMAN-ACTIVE PROBE CONSTRUCTS TO

ASSAY BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the RCE, please amend this application as

follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.